

Firemen who have received their 25 year pins from the State Firemen's Association include Owen F. Buell, Earl H. Smith, Mont Giles, A. D. Buys, Forrest Dayton and Frank Hardy. At the 1961 state convention held in St. George, Mr. Hardy was presented a 50-year pin for service to the Utah association. Earl H. Smith is also serving his third five-year term as a trustee of the state group.

During recent years the department has moved into a new fire station and has added new trucks and many pieces of modern fire fighting equipment. Membership is kept at 20, all of whom are on call 24 hours a day and work strictly on a volunteer basis to protect property in the county against fires. Because of their work the valley's fire insurance rates have been very favorable.

Some firemen who have served in recent years include Verl Wright, William Turnbow, Neil Montgomery, Douglas Smith, Lynn McKnight, Lynn Bonner, Rolland Carlile, Bill Jaspersen, Ray Wright, Hylton Burch, Don Smith, Jay Giles, Harvey Bronson, Glen Jensen, Ralph Stevens, Marvis Clyde, Neil Bethers, Art Mair, Paul Probst, LaRen Provost, Ray Farrell, Richard Jones, and Clyde Broadbent.

Secretaries of the department have included Forrest Dayton, Owen Buell, Douglas Smith and Clyde Montgomery.

A ladies auxiliary was organized in 1949 with Mary Hardy as president. She was also State Auxiliary president. Other presidents have been Thelma Wootton, La Von Burch and Dove McAfee who also have been state presidents. Lizzie Buell served for 10 years and Lois Wright, both have been auxiliary secretaries. May Smith was State Auxiliary secretary for two years.

The first fire alarm was the bell in the stake house tower, but in recent years a siren has been constructed with connections to enable the telephone operator to sound the alarm.

In addition to his work with the fire department, Mayor McMullin completed successful road and sidewalk projects, improved the city water system and strengthened the Heber Light and Power Plant. While many interests were pressing the city to sell the "white elephant power plant," Mayor McMullin put the issue to the people in a special election and won a majority vote of the people to continue city operation of the facility.

When Mayor McMullin was re-elected in 1926 he had as councilmen Albert Dickson, Henry Moulton, Sumner Hatch and Frederick Crook. Sylvan Rasband and Elmer Strong continued as recorder and treasurer, respectively.

Mayor McMullin directed one of the valley's large celebrations in August of 1927 when the city played host to the Sixth Annual State Encampment of Indian War Veterans. The encampment and concurrent homecoming celebration continued for four days and included two parades, band concerts, dances by Ute Indians, talent shows, ball games, rodeos, carnival treats and community dances. Large barbecue pits dug

Earl Smith Celebrates 90th Birthday



Earl H. Smith

Earl H. Smith, now residing in Mesa, Arizona with his wife Edna, will celebrate his 90th birthday on May 18th. He was born in Charleston on May 18, 1896. While a baby, his family moved to Park City for a few years. When they moved back to Heber in 1911, he remembers driving their milk cow from Park City to Heber on his pony. He recalls attending 9th grade on the top floor of the old Heber Mercantile and his woodshop

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class was held under the old bank building on the same corner.

One of the things he got the most pleasure out of was organizing the Little League Baseball program in the valley. He still has a great love for the game of baseball.

He served the Heber Valley for many years as a volunteer Fireman being one of the twelve members of the first department. He recalls fighting fires using wooden candy buckets which Add Averett furnished. He was Fire Chief from 1944-1949. He served 15 years as an elected Trustee in the Utah State Firemen's Association. Last June, he was honored at the State Firemen's Convention for 60 years of service.

Earl and his sons operated a meat and grocery business for many years.

He has 3 sons living in Heber. They are Don, Doyle and Jerry. His son Blaine lives in Evanston and another son, Jay lives in Arizona. He has 2 daughters, Pauline who lives in Sandy and Gwen who lives in Pleasant Grove.

Earl and Edna are looking forward to spending a week in mid June at the home of his daughter in Pleasant Grove. They hope to have a nice visit with family and friends.